

**Holy Trinity United Church,
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Sunday 27th May 2018

Trinity – Year B

Set readings:-

Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29

Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17

Today we warmly welcome Gill Songer to lead our worship at 11.15 a.m. This will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion

- ❖ Thurs 31st May 10.00.a.m Service
Lay led
No Prayer Meeting
- ❖ **House groups begin again in June:**
The day one will be on the 5th June at Terry and Lynda Mirams home. Starting at 13.30

The evening one will be on the 19th June at Tricia Tutin home starting at 19.30
- ❖ **Thursday 21st June RECKLESS ABANDON!**
7.00 p.m. Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church, Lime Walk Chelmsford. Tickets £7
The Inspiring true story of Elisabeth Elliot
In partnership with MAF- Flying for Life
- ❖ **24th June** Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church, Lime Walk Chelmsford. **Prayer Labyrinth between 4pm-7pm.**
- ❖ **CHESSE Mid-Summer Concert – Saturday 30th June 2018** which is taking place at Danbury Mission Church in Danbury, Chelmsford on **Saturday 30th June 2018** at **7.00pm.**

See Poster in Meeting Room for full details

SWF Foodbank open Wednesdays, 1000-1200 at New Life Church, Clements Green Lane. Donations welcome; please put in labelled box on round table in HT's meeting room. Many thanks. Peter Blackman, HT Coordinator;

peter@blackmanservices.co.uk .

Food items needed: Jam; Biscuits; Tinned Meat; Pasta Sauce; Tinned potatoes; Breakfast cereals; Sponge Puddings; Potato Mash (pkts); Tinned rice pudding; Snacks (chocolate/other); Fruit Juice (long life); Milk (Long life/UHT); Custard Powder (pkts); Coffee (small/medium); Tea bags (40 bag packs).

Toiletries & other items needed: Washing up liquid; Washing powder & liquid (small & medium); Ladies/gents toiletries; Nappies all sizes especially 1/3; Extras: Dog & Cat Food

❖ Memory Worship

In September We, the ecumenical church of Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers (Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist/URC) are starting **Memory Worship for those with and without Dementia.**

In creating this ministry, based on a model used in Wesley Methodist Church Leigh-on-Sea, we are seeking to create a space where people with or without dementia can approach God, worship and praise God and feel God's caring presence together.

Worship can be a channel for recalling the past, displaying thankfulness, appreciation, and joy in the little things.

We know that music has an important role in keying memories and will be a familiar constant in Memory Worship.

Underlying all this is the affirmation that we are all held by God who accepts us and meets us where we are today.

"Tell me the old, old story of Jesus and his love."

Using a carefully chosen mixture of familiar words from Scripture, a regular pattern of welcome and singing well loved hymns the

short act of worship leads into a time of hospitality (tea and cake) and activity that offers opportunity for mutual support.

During refreshment and social time, we hope that workers from Dementia Community Support, Memory Clinics, Alzheimer's Society, and others will join us to provide a free and safe opportunity for carers to share experiences and receive support.

Craft and other activities enable creative skills to be retained and even new ones learned.

Memory Worship will be held monthly, on the 3rd Monday afternoon of the month, using a consistent and trained group of volunteers.

How can you help?

Pray for us: for the venture, the people who come and join us, for their family and friends.

Volunteer: for either the welcome team, worship team or activity team (see below)

Pass on the message to anyone who might find this service useful or helpful.

Volunteers

All volunteers must be able to commit to 12 sessions a year supporting memory worship as well as three half day training sessions (on a week day).

Welcome team – meet and greet folk as they enter, identify toilets etc. Serve tea and cake, chat and listen.

Worship team – support worship leader in passing round hymn sheets etc. help people follow the worship.

Activity team – provide graded activities that follow worship theme, assist participants, chat, and listen.

Contact Val Carter for more information val_carter08@hotmail.com

❖ **Testimonies over time Methodist the Connexion**

Philip, 83, has a reason for living brought up at Lymington Methodist Church, Philip Wiseman made a commitment to Christ whilst on national service and at a Billy Graham rally in Scotland aged 19. Following university and three years of teaching, he says: "I responded to a need for teachers in Sierra Leone and saw it as my Christian responsibility to offer my skills." On returning to the UK, Philip continued to worship in Lymington, breaking his time there to spend two years in Nigeria helping set up a sixth form college and supporting young Christians. Back in Lymington, Philip was disappointed when the local Methodist/ URC partnership didn't happen

So Philip threw himself behind a partnership with the local Anglican church and was upset when that partnership collapsed three years ago leaving Lymington with no Methodist congregation. But sadness and frustration gave way to a renewed commitment to serve Christ at Milford Methodist Church, where he is a steward and his URC wife plays the piano. Philip broadcasts on Lymington hospital radio – so his witness continues. He reflects: "When you're exhausted you do sometimes wonder why you do all this. But I feel it is my reason for living. I have committed my life to Christ and must continue in worship and service even when it is rough."

You are my God, ahead of me, leading me, guiding me and calling me; you are the Lord God, the all-wise, the all-compassionate. And I lift my heart in worship today and forever. Amen.

Eternal God, you are the source of all life, the fount of all wisdom, the wellspring of all grace. Amen.

Your story has been told in every generation: the Lord Jesus Christ lived among us, full of grace and truth, revealing your tender mercy, he healed the sick, comforted the broken and lost. In humility he washed the feet of his disciples, calling us to follow his example as one who serves.

❖ **Next Sunday Worship** will be led by Andy Mussell at 11. 15.a.m. [03/06/18]